



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **FUJITA, NAO et al.**

Serial No.: **09/938,310**

Filed: **August 24, 2001**

Group Art Unit: **1713**

Examiner: **WILSON**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1067

For: **METHOD FOR PURIFICATION OF VINYL POLYMERS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 30, 2002

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **December 4, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-2, 15-24 and 7-14;
Group (II), Claims 1-2, 15-24 and 3-6; Group (III), Claims 25-26; and Group (IV), Claims 27-34.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I) for prosecution in this application.

However, it is believed that claims 3-6 should be included in Group I instead of claims 7-14.

The Examiner pointed out claims 7-14 as part of Group I, but it appears that the Examiner misunderstood claims 3-6 to read on the former claims. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In addition, the Action requires an election of species. Applicant elects the Species as follows:

- a. Vinyl polymers; Poly (butyl acrylate) prepared in Production Example 1
- b. Transition metal complex used as polymerization catalyst; CuBr used in Production

Example 1.

- c. Terminal alkenyl groups present; 7-octene group prepared in Production Example 1.
- d. Oxidizing agents; Oxygen used in Example 3.

Since Group I is elected, it is assumed that the species of reducing agents does not need to be elected. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 and 15-24 read on the elected species.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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